

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the office action mailed April 20, 2006, the Examiner required restriction between claims 2-10, 12-16, 18, 20-22, and 29-32, drawn to a helicopter, classified in class 244, subclass 133; and claims 23-28, drawn to a method for forming a component for use in a helicopter, classified in class 428, subclass 73.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 2-10, 12-16, 18, 20-22, and 29-32 drawn to a helicopter for the purposes of examination. The election is made without traverse.

An early action on the merits of the application is hereby requested.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Director determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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